



BOROUGH OF CONGLETON

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REPORT

ON THE

Health and Sanitary Circumstances
of the Borough

FOR THE

Year Ended 31st December, 1959



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Y E A R E N D E D 31st December, 1959

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To the Mayor Aldermen and Members of the
Congleton Borough Council,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you
the Annual Report for the year 1959 on the
Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the
Borough.

The estimated population has risen by
120 and now stands at 16,080. There has
been a small fall in the number of births
and a rise in the number of deaths.

In the tables showing the incidence of
infectious disease it will be noted that the
number of cases of measles is 30 compared
with 623 recorded in 1958. Although it is
satisfactory to report that no deaths
occurred this disease causes much distress
and may be the precursor of lung disease in
later life. It also results in great
dislocation in schools and is one of the
major causes of absenteeism. It is
important to note therefore that at long
last the Measles virus has been isolated and
trials are proceeding on the preparation and
use of a Measles Vaccine. Preliminary
results have so far proved promising. It
is to be hoped that in the near future this
will become generally available and thus
assist in removing one of the scourges of
childhood. Scarlet Fever was very
prevalent during the year, 74 cases being
notified and 37 removed to hospital. This
disease at present is very mild and in many

cases causes little constitutional upset. Indeed one of the problems with this condition is that many children have Scarlet Fever without the parents realising it and this way help to spread the disease. The lesson to be drawn is that all rashes and sore throats in children should be taken seriously and promptly referred to the family doctor.

Of the known causes of death the high incidence has moved away from Infectious Diseases towards Malignancy and Cardio-Vascular conditions. There is no doubt that much good can be done in the early detection of Cancer by a well planned and careful campaign in educating the public. In this respect the work of the Manchester Committee on Cancer whose pioneer efforts in education are proving successful has much to commend it and deserves support. It is hoped that in the near future trained speakers will visit our District to talk to small groups of people. I have investigated the methods they use and I am convinced that there is little danger of creating fear and distress by these methods and indeed experience gained so far has shown that these talks dispel many unfounded fears as well as achieving positive results.

A great amount of time was spent during the year in connection with the Poliomyelitis Vaccination both by your Medical Officer and his staff as well as by the Family Doctors. Large numbers of children and adults were dealt with and there is no doubt that the vaccination does appear to be having the

effect of reducing both the incidence and severity of Poliomyelitis. The vaccination is now available to all below the age of 40 and despite the fact that it is a relatively painless and minor procedure there are still many thousands of people not making use of this valuable preventive measure.

During the year 5 Clearance Areas comprising of 29 houses were confirmed. The number of Clearance Areas submitted and still awaiting confirmation by the end of the year was Dane Street No.2 - 22 houses, New Street No.1 - 4 houses, Victoria Street No.2 - 9 houses, Moor Street No.1 - 5 houses, Hardings Bank No.2 - 5 houses. In the case of some of these areas the delay before final confirmation is received from the Ministry appears to me to be excessive. This has the effect of holding up the rehousing of many urgent cases and causing a great deal of hardship.

As pointed out in that section of this report from the Borough Engineer & Surveyor meetings took place during the year which will have the result of making Congleton Borough a constituent member of the Macclesfield District Water Board. There is no doubt that in recent years, particularly since the inception of the Hug Bridge water scheme, we have had a very successful water undertaking. Not only has the water been constant and adequate in amounts but it has been possible to supply other areas with our surplus. The purity of the water has always been first class and

I should like to pay tribute to the Engineer and his staff for a very fine job of work and hope that we get just as good a service from the new Board.

I should like to pay tribute to the Town Clerk and his staff for their help and assistance readily given at all times. Particularly I wish to thank the Chief Public Health Inspector, his assistant and the other members of his staff without whose co-operation it would be impossible for me to do my work adequately. Tribute has been paid in this report to his contribution and to that from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

L.RICH,

Medical Officer of
Health.

The figures in brackets throughout this report are for 1958.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Estimated population 16080 (15960)

BIRTHS

	Total	Male	Female
Live Births (Legitimate)	229 (249)	111 (131)	118 (118)
(Illegitimate)	3 (12)	1 (5)	2 (7)
Still Births (Legitimate)	6 (10)	3 (4)	3 (6)
(Illegitimate)	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)

Live Birth Rate per 1000 estimated average population mid 1959 -	14.2	(16.1)
Live Birth Rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population	16.5	(16.4)
Still Birth Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births	25.2	(40.4)
Still Birth Rate for England and Wales per 1000 total (live and still) births	20.7	(21.6)
Still Birth Rate per 1000 total population	.37	(.69)
Still Birth Rate for England and Wales per 1000 total population	.35	(.36)

INFANTILE MORTALITY

The total number of deaths is shown as follows :-

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	4 (8)	2 (5)	2 (3)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births	17.2	(30.6)
Infantile mortality rate for England and Wales	22	(22.5)
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	17.4	(32.1)
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	0	(0)

DEATHS

	Total	Male	Female
Deaths, all ages	238 (217)	117 (117)	121 (100)
Death rate per 1000 estimated average population		14.6	(13.5)
Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population		11.6	(11.7)

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the past year.

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective & parasitic disease	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	3	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	4	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	7	-	7
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	25	12	13

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	45	20	25
Coronary disease, angina	52	28	24
Hypertension with heart disease	3	-	3
Other heart diseases	29	12	17
Other circulatory disease	14	6	8
Influenza	2	2	-
Pneumonia	9	4	5
Bronchitis	11	10	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	2	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	1	1	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases	14	8	6
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
All other accidents	10	2	8
Suicide	-	-	-
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total	238	117	121

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes :-

	No. of Deaths
Puerperal Sepsis	0 (0)
Other Maternal causes	0 (0)
	<u>0 (0)</u>

Maternal Mortality rate per 1000 live and still births - 0 (0)

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus.

	Male	Female	Total
1950	1	-	1
1951	3	1	4
1952	4	-	4
1953	2	1	3
1954	4	1	5
1955	3	-	3
1956	6	2	8
1957	4	1	5
1958	6	-	6
1959	4	1	5

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Care of Mothers and Young Children

The Health Visitors serving in this area are as follows :-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Miss M. Corbishley, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.	Park Street Clinic, Congleton. Tel. No. 2095
Miss D. Austin, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.I.D.N.S.	Park Street Clinic, Congleton. Tel. No. 2095

The attendances at the Infant Welfare Clinic have increased despite the fall in the number of births, and much useful work is done here in the field of Preventive Medicine and Health Education.

The new Maternity Unit at the Congleton War Memorial Hospital is rapidly nearing completion and should come into operation sometime in 1960. It has been obvious for some time that the work being done by us and by the hospital should be brought together and arrangements have been made for a joint scheme by our staff and that of the hospital to take in all the mothers who would benefit from the Preparation Classes. The members of our staff who are trained in Health Education will assist at the Antenatal Clinic.

run by the hospital which will have the result of giving a more complete service without the drawbacks of overlapping.

STATISTICS

Mothers' Clinics	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held
Ante-natal	116 (117)	767 (636)	52 (50)
Dental :-			
Pre-natal	6 (8)	15 (15)	
Nursing Mothers	19 (8)	80 (37)	
Dentures supplied	6 (3)		

Infant Welfare

New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held.	Cases seen by Doctor.	Average per Clinic seen by Doctor.
0-1 1-2 2-5 186 - - (208)(-) (-)	0-1 1-2 2-5 1939 172 108 (1706)(176)(172)	48 (48)	783 (820)	16.3 (17)

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	5 (6)	19 (24)	17 (16)	1.1 (1.5)
E.N.T. Clinic	- (1)	- (1)	3 (4)	- (0.2)

Welfare Foods

The handling of this service has proceeded efficiently. No complaints have been received during the year and all demands were satisfied.

The present arrangements are that National Dried Milk, Vitamin Tablets, Cod Liver Oil and Orange Juice, may be obtained each week-day except Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 4.45 p.m. and Saturday morning from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon. from the Clinic at Park Street, Congleton.

Welfare Foods Sold - 1959

Distribution Centre	National	Dried Milk	A. & D. Tablets	Cod Liver Oil	Orange Juice
	F.Cream	H.Cream			
Park Street Clinic, Congleton.	6947 (5805)	204 (153)	1241 (1129)	1128 (1140)	9158 (9023)

Day Nursery

A very high average attendance was maintained throughout the year at the Day Nursery. The demand for this service in a town like Congleton, which employs a high percentage of female labour, is very great, and there is no doubt that if this service was not provided many infants would be placed in unsatisfactory homes.

The decorations at the nursery during the year were completed and a new floor provided in the kitchen.

Day Nursery - Attendance 1959

	Average No. Attending	Total Attendance
0-2 years	12.2 (12)	3114 (2879)
2-5 years	29.7 (27.2)	7313 (6714)

Jan. %	Feb. %	Mar. %	Apr. %	May %	Jne. %	Jly. %	Aug. %	Sept. %	Oct. %	Nov. %	Dec. %	1959 %
97.9 (100.8)	100.8 (98.2)	109.4 (98.8)	103.1 (97.8)	112.5 (98.4)	117.1 (109.7)	108.6 (103)	99.1 (93.6)	112.8 (100.6)	103.2 (72.6)	102.1 (105.2)	100.9 (102.2)	105.6 (98.4)

Midwifery.

The two midwives employed by the Cheshire County Council are :-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel.No.</u>
D.H.Wright	"Ewannigg", Giantswood Lane, Congleton.	Congleton 3240
M.Williams	115, Woolston Avenue, Congleton.	Congleton 3690

In addition, Nurse M.S.Bowman, 4, High Löwe Avenue, Congleton, combines the duties of Home Nurse with that of District Midwife.

Births, 1959

Hospital		Home		Private N.Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
143 (167)	6 (10)	84 (96)	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)

Home Nursing

Two District Nurses are resident in Congleton Borough. They both occupy Council Houses.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel.No.</u>
M.S. Bowman	4, High Lowe Avenue, Congleton.	Congleton 3444
R. Ward	24, The Westlands, Congleton.	Congleton 2104

Meals on Wheels

An important development during the year was the provision of a Meals on Wheels service operated by the W.V.S. Under the sponsorship of the Mayor an appeal was made to the public for funds to provide a vehicle to operate the scheme and this was most successful. In addition to a sum of nearly £500 a new vehicle was generously donated. Money to provide the equipment to handle the meals was granted by the County Welfare Department.

There has been no shortage of volunteers to support the W.V.S. In carrying out this scheme and twice weekly 36 meals are provided. The cost to the recipients is 1/-d. per meal. The actual cost of the meal is 1/9d. and the difference is made up by the subsidy granted by the Council.

It has been found even with this short experience that the value of this service goes beyond that of providing hot meals important as that is. The actual visiting by the ladies of the W.V.S. with the meals is something positively looked forward to by the old people.

In many instances the members of the W.V.S. have been so impressed by the help these old people need that they have paid additional visits of a social nature; have provided clothing and blankets when necessary and in several cases have actually assisted with the moving of these people when allocated a Council bungalow.

I should like to pay tribute to Mrs. Nichols and her band of workers for this invaluable work they are rendering to the town.

Chiropody Service.

During the year the County Health Committee brought in the Chiropody service made free to all those whose income consisted solely of the old age pension and those in receipt of National Assistance. Lately the free service has been extended to include all those whose income does not exceed £4 per week if single or £6 per week if a couple. People whose income is between £4 - £5.10.0. if single will receive treatment at half cost and if between £6 - £8 for a couple also at half cost. This will take in a very considerable number of old people who are really in need of this service.

Public Health Laboratory Service

Samples of water, milk, ice-cream and food are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Stafford as and when required.

Vaccination and ImmunisationStatisticsDiphtheria Immunisation

Pre-school children	12	(50)
School children	2	(2)
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	14	(52)
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Re-inforcing injections	14	(50)

Whooping Cough Immunisation

Pre-school children	14	(13)
School children	2	(5)
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	16	(18)
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Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus)

Pre-school children	214	(126)
School children	5	(-)
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	219	(126)
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Primary Vaccination

Pre-school children	115	(110)
School children	6	(5)
Adults	10	(16)
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	131	(131)
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Re-Vaccination

Pre-school children	-	(-)
School children	-	(1)
Adults	16	(15)
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	16	(16)
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Ambulance and Sitting Case Car Transport

I am well satisfied with the general turn-out and maintenance of the ambulances and it is satisfactory to report that once again each of the Ambulance Drivers has received a Safe Driving Award Certificate for the year 1959.

Ambulance Figures - 1959

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jne.	Jly.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Mileage	2685 (2677)	2764 (1912)	2972 (2151)	2770 (2934)	2822 (3215)	2700 (2358)	2432 (2972)	2062 (2003)	2165 (3412)	2403 (3603)	2063 (2518)	1701 (3377)
Journeys	125 (115)	122 (81)	130 (114)	117 (122)	125 (136)	118 (117)	112 (120)	97 (95)	93 (144)	119 (451)	109 (122)	94 (136)
Patients	425 (359)	349 (285)	370 (387)	325 (488)	431 (487)	461 (431)	384 (431)	332 (324)	322 (601)	335 (605)	280 (401)	262 (487)

Sitting-Case Car Figures - 1959

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jne.	Jly.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Mileage	3828 (4260)	3549 (3198)	3587 (4013)	4009 (3662)	4465 (4156)	4208 (3967)	4115 (3854)	3211 (3727)	3644 (4811)	3847 (3407)	3746 (3668)	3518 (3428)
Journeys	122 (126)	112 (104)	113 (118)	132 (119)	128 (138)	135 (127)	140 (143)	115 (114)	134 (126)	152 (95)	143 (107)	141 (115)
Patients	346 (410)	357 (415)	375 (432)	475 (446)	489 (420)	495 (402)	549 (504)	418 (396)	482 (410)	559 (438)	453 (386)	450 (322)

Domestic Help Service

The demands for this Service continue to be high, and I am pleased to report that most of them in Congleton continue to be met.

Home Helps employed during 1959

Full time	-	(-)
Temporary	28	(27)
Casual	<u>4</u>	<u>(5)</u>
	32	(32)
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Home Helps employed at 31st December, 1959

Full time	-	(-)
Temporary	18	(19)
Casual	<u>2</u>	<u>(1)</u>
	20	(20)
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Applications received during 1959

Confinement	6	(2)
Sickness	7	(8)
Tuberculosis	-	(-)
Aged and Infirm	11	(21)
	<u>24</u>	<u>(31)</u>
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Cases attended during 1959

Confinement	2	(1)
Sickness	8	(11)
Tuberculosis	-	(-)
Aged and Infirm	51	(68)
	<u>61</u>	<u>(80)</u>
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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

I am indebted to Mr.H.S.Halpin, Borough Engineer and Surveyor for the following information.

Water Supply

During the year the following quantities of water have been supplied from the various sources in the Borough :-

Hug Bridge Pumping Station	665,000	galls.	per
Forge Lane Pumping Station	391,000	"	"
Buglawton Borehole	59,000	"	"
	<u>1,115,000</u>	"	"

Supplies have been continued to the Mid and South East Cheshire Water Board to the extent of approximately 299,200 galls.per day from the total quantity of water supplied.

Samples of water have been submitted for analysis from time to time to the Public Health Laboratory, Manchester, and in all cases the chemical and bacteriological examinations have proved to be quite satisfactory.

The hardness of the water at present supplied from Forge Lane is 27 parts per 100,000 whilst the Hug Bridge water has a total hardness of 19 and the Buglawton Borehole approximately 5 parts per 100,000.

Water main extensions were completed at Sandbach Road, Townsend Road, Off Cross Lane Eaton Bank, Buglawton, and Doreen Avenue.

Schemes were in progress for new water main extensions at Giantswood Lane, Buglawton Housing Site and Moss Road.

Re-grouping of Water Undertakings.

During the year meetings have been held between the Borough Council and the constituent authorities of the proposed Macclesfield District Water Board and negotiations are in progress for the inclusion of Congleton Borough as one of the constituent authorities of the new Board.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Work is still proceeding on the West Heath Sewerage Scheme and the completion date for this contract is March, 1960. At the close of the year most of the main lines of new sewers had been completed and the pumping station was in an advanced stage of construction.

Work commenced on the extension of the Sewage Disposal Works on June 22nd. It is expected that the whole of the works will be completed by the end of 1960.

Public Cleansing.

A total of 5,000 tons of house refuse has been collected and disposed of by controlled tipping during the year.

Salvage

A total of 109 tons 0 cwts. 1 qr. of Waste Paper was collected and disposed of

during the year at a value of £816.7s.1d.

Housing.

Number of Council houses completed in
1959 :-

Houses	12	(-)
Single Persons Flats	-	(-)
2 Bed Maisonettes	-	(-)
Shops	-	(-)
1-bedroom type bungalows	20	(22)

Private houses completed in 1959	38	(31)
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Number of applicants on the Waiting List at 31st December, 1959 (excluding applications for aged persons' bungalows)	339	(366)
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Number of visits re housing applications by Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector	43	(18)
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PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE
Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1959

	Age Distribution										Total	Cases Admitted to Hosp.
	Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65 and over	
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Measles	2	3	2	3	6	13	1	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	-	-	2	1	2	3	3	1	1	6	3	4
Scarlet Fever	1	3	2	8	7	45	7	1	1	-	-	37
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

DEATHS - 1950 to 1959

	1950		1951		1952		1953		1954		1955		1956		1957		1958		1959	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
Male																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5		1																		
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35							1							1						
35 - 45									1					2						
45 - 55					2															
55 - 65																				
65 & over														3						
Female																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15												1								
15 - 25																				
25 - 35																				
35 - 45																1				
45 - 55																				
55 - 65																				
65 & over																				
Total	3	1	3	2	2	-	2	2	2	-	3	1	6	-	2	-	1	-	1	-

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register at 31st December, 1959, were as follows :-

	up to 1 yr.	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65 & over	Total
Male Pulmonary	-	-	1	6	6	13	15	8	4	53
Female Pulmonary	-	-	1	7	16	11	9	9	3	56
Male Non-Pulmonary	-	-	8	3	3	3	3	-	-	20
Female Non-Pulmonary	-	-	2	3	-	-	2	3	3	13

The following sections of this report cover the work of the Public Health Inspector's Department and have been compiled by Mr. R. G. Whiston.

Work on the Slum Clearance programme continued and Orders of various kinds became operative in respect of 44 houses. Re-housing of occupants continued and 37 houses were vacated.

The task of Meat Inspection continued to occupy a great deal of time (and overtime) and 100% inspection of all animals slaughtered was carried out. This, however, has meant that the time spent on other statutory duties still has had to be considerably reduced.

Five Exemption Certificates under the Clean Air Act expired. In four cases new mechanical stokers have been installed and the boiler plants now operate in accordance with the Act. A further Exemption Certificate for one year was granted to the other firm.

Complaints.

During the year 176 complaints were received and investigated; 54 of these were unfounded.

33 were found to be relating to dangerous structures, waste of water and other matters and were referred to the Departments concerned.

Public Health Act, 1936.Nuisances

Following the complaints and as a result of routine survey, 131 houses were inspected, a total of 111 nuisances were found and 71 informal notices were issued. In 2 cases statutory notices were served. 489 visits were made to houses previously inspected and 210 nuisances were found to be abated. 75 informal and 10 statutory notices were complied with. 2 statutory notices were served under the provisions of Section 99 of the Cheshire County Council Act, 1953, requiring stoppages to be removed from drains.

Drainage

The repair of existing drainage was supervised and necessary testing done. 182 visits were made in connection with this work and the tracing of existing drainage at various properties.

Water Supply

Routine samples were taken monthly from each of the town's systems of supply and sent to the Public Health Laboratory Service, Stafford, for Bacteriological examination. The reports on samples submitted showed satisfactory results.

Disinfestation

D.D.T. and Gammexane compounds in liquid and powder form are used for this purpose, and successful results have been obtained.

The houses and household effects of new tenants for Council houses are inspected and where necessary disinfection is undertaken before removal. For this and other reasons, 58 inspections have been carried out and 9 premises treated.

Conversion of Pails etc.

The Council's resolution to make a grant of £5 towards the cost of conversion of pails to water closets was continued. No application for grant was made.

Offensive Trades

One premises is registered for ridge boiling. No complaints were received in connection with the trade.

Infectious Disease and Disinfection.

Enquiries have been made into 76 cases of infectious disease. Disinfection of premises following these, and removals and deaths of T.B. cases, has been carried out and where necessary infected bedding has been taken to the Isolation Hospital, Macclesfield, for disinfection by steam.

Infected library books are treated with gaseous fumigant before return for circulation.

Caravans.

7 visits have been made in connection with the control of movable dwellings.

Public Mortuary.

This service is under the charge of the Department and during the year there were 17 admissions.

Housing Act, 1957

76 houses were inspected under the provisions of the Housing Act, and 448 re-visits were made to houses previously inspected.

32 houses in Clearance Areas were demolished and 10 areas cleared.

3 Demolition Orders were made, and 4 Closing Orders on whole houses. 1 individual unfit house was demolished.

5 Clearance Areas comprising 29 houses were confirmed.

Improvement Grants

30 applications were received during the year and 29 were granted. 95 visits were made for the purpose of advising owners, inspecting following applications, supervision of work, while in progress and on completion.

Rent Act, 1957Certificates of Disrepair

One Certificate of Disrepair was issued following an application in 1958. No further applications were received during the year.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

177 inspections of premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food were carried out. 46 contraventions were found and 11 informal notices issued. On re-inspection 58 contraventions had been abated, and 11 notices fully complied with.

Ice-Cream

There are 10 premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream, all use the "cold mix" method.

69 premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream.

21 inspections have been made.

4 samples were taken for bacteriological examination and the reports showed that 3 were Grade 1 and one Grade 3. The Grade 3 on re-sampling was Grade 1.

Preserved Food

41 premises are registered for the manufacture of preserved food (sausages, potted and pressed meats, etc.) and 10 inspections of these premises were carried out.

Slaughterhouses

The five private Slaughterhouses continued operating throughout the year and all licences were renewed in June.

1744 visits were made to these premises during the year to carry out meat inspection and the carcasses and offal of all animals killed were inspected.

Disposal of Condemned Meat.

All meat and offal condemned is sold to Messrs. Beesons Bros. Ltd. of Crewe, and the firm undertake the collection from the slaughterhouses on the Council's behalf. Expenses are deducted and the balance is paid to the Slaughterhouse occupiers.

The weights of meat and offal are shown in the tables.

£210.16s.1d. has been received from Messrs. Beesons Bros. Ltd., and paid to the slaughterhouse occupiers.

Tuberculosis Order, 1938

No animals were slaughtered under the provisions of the above Order.

Congenital Tuberculosis in Calves.

During the year no calf carcasses were found to be affected with Congenital Tuberculosis.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933-1954

The stunning of all animals in the Borough is carried out by means of captive bolt pistols.

3 slaughterman's licences were issued and 27 renewed during the year.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949

Registered are 8 Dairies and 64 Distributors.

Under the Special Designation Regulations, 17 licences have been issued for Tuberculin Tested Milk, 14 for Pasteurised Milk and 64 for Sterilised Milk.

5 visits have been made in connection with registration and licensing.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The Council has one full time operative whose duties are concerned with the destruction of rats and mice.

56 visits have been made by Public Health Inspectors in connection with complaints and general supervision.

All work at business premises was carried out after written or verbal intimation had been given and no statutory notices have been served.

A summary of the incidence and treatment carried out is appended.

Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers.

It is estimated that there are 700 manholes in the Borough, a test bait of 10% of these was undertaken and two treatments carried out during the year.

At the first treatment 36 manholes were pre-baited, 4 showed "Takes", and were poisoned; at the second 58 manholes were pre-baited and 7 "Takes" were poisoned.

Shops Act, 1950

55 inspections have been carried out under the provisions of the Act.

Factory Act, 1937.

40 inspections have been made. No contraventions were found and 9 found in 1958 were remedied.

Outworkers

A total of 42 outworkers are shown as employed by factories in the area on the lists submitted in accordance with Section 110 of the Act. All are engaged on the making, altering or repairing of wearing apparel.

Section 34

No Certificates have been granted during 1959 in respect of adequate means of escape in case of fire, under Section 34 of the Factories Act, 1937.

TABLES AND STATISTICAL INFORMATIONSummary of visits and inspections.

<u>General</u>	<u>No. of Visits</u>
Water Supply	50
Drainage	182
Stables & Piggeries	12
Caravans	7
Factories	40
Rats and Mice	56
Schools	1
Shops Act	55
Miscellaneous Visits	485
Interviewing & Appointments	184
Atmospheric Pollution	114
Farms	1
Hairdressers	5
Refuse Disposal	1
Workshops	20
Pail Conversion	50
Bake Houses	8
<u>Housing - Under Public Health Act.</u>	
No. of houses inspected	131
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	489
<u>Under Housing Acts.</u>	
No. of houses inspected	76
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	448
<u>Verminous Premises</u>	
No. of inspections	58
Found verminous and disinfested	9
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	295
Improvement Grants	95
Infectious Disease	76
Visits re Disinfection	63
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	7

Food Premises and Food Inspection

Visits to Slaughterhouses	1744
Butchers	23
Fishmongers and Poulterers	4
Grocers	46
Dairies and Milkshops	5
Ice-cream premises	21
Food preparing premises	10
Bakehouses	8
Market Stalls	14
Restaurants	4
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	16
Licensed Premises	19
Miscellaneous Food Visits	5
Factory Canteens	3
Vehicles	5
Total	<hr/> 4945 <hr/>

Summary of Notices Served

No. of informal notices served	71
No. of informal notices complied with	81
No. of statutory notices served	2
No. of statutory notices complied with	12

Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925-1932

No. of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation	63
No. of houses, the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers under Public Health or Housing Acts	77
No. of representations made to the local authority with a view to :-	
(a) serving of notices requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	10
(b) the making of demolition or closing orders	7

No. of notices served requiring the execution
of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts)

No. of houses which were rendered fit after the
service of formal notices (under Public Health
or Housing Acts)

No. of Demolition Orders made

No. of Closing Orders made

No. of houses in respect of which an undertaxing was
accepted under sub-section (2) of Section 11 of
the Housing Act, 1936

No. of houses demolished

No. of Closing Orders under Local Government
(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953, determined

Food and Drugs Act, 1938

Food Premises

Number of food premises in the area by type of business is as
follows :-

Butchers	26
Canteens	22
Dairies	8
Milkshops	37
Fishmongers and Poulterers	6
Greengrocers	13
Grocers & Confectioners	111
Restaurants & Cafe	28
Bakehouses	12

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

Total number of Animals slaughtered and inspected

	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
1957	1	292	1716	1721	393	9488	4012	17623
1958	3	271	2469	1288	289	10342	4525	19187
1959	1	436	2784	1038	179	12673	4574	21685

Total weight of meat condemned.

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Beef	2	16	1	25
Mutton	-	10	1	3
Pork	-	14	1	11
Veal	-	3	-	21
Offal	18	-	2	21
Total	22	4	3	25

Particulars of Animals slaughtered at each of the private Slaughterhouses

Slaughterhouses	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
E. & G. Vernon, West Street	-	35	117	42	2	750	215	1161
J. Clowes Antrobus Street	-	-	29	16	-	-	-	45
J. F. Longman Princess Street	1	395	2323	960	177	11373	3592	18821
Co-op. Society, Ltd. Moor Street	-	6	287	18	-	474	728	1513
W. Goodwin, Wagg Street	-	-	28	2	-	76	39	145

Weight of Meat condemned at each of the Private Slaughterhouses

	Beef lbs.	Mutton lbs.	Veal lbs.	Pork lbs.	Offal lbs.
E. & G. Vernon	-	55	-	64	1210
J. Clowes	596	-	-	-	355
J. F. Longman	4459	1086	357	1438	34266
Co-op. Society	1270	2	-	105	4454
W. Goodwin	-	8	-	-	114
	6325	1151	357	1607	40397

Other Foods Condemned

	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Canned Foods	5	1	6	3½
Other Foods	-	2	16	-

Carcasses and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Part or Whole

	Cattle Ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	1478	2786	179	12673	4574
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	3	8	25	13
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	712	1402	1	1643	462
Percentage affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis					
1957	39.37	23.75	3.3	9.25	13.46
1958	42.95	41.35	5.12	11.15	12.53
1959	48.28	50.47	5.037	12.16	10.82
<u>Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	3	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	178	511	1	-	57
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis					
1957	12.46	22.09	0.51	-	4.46
1958	11.71	23.04	0.35	-	2.7
1959	12.13	18.47	0.559	-	1.465
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	12	17	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted for treatment by refrigeration	-	2	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

		Cattle Ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Percentage affected with						
Cysticercosis	1957	1.64	0.82	-	-	-
	1958	1.60	0.84	-	-	-
	1959	0.8136	0.6106	-	-	-

Prevalence of Rats and Mice

	Type of Property				Total
	Local Authority	Dwelling- houses	Agricult- ural	All other (including business & industrial)	
Total No. of properties in Local Authority's District	37	5246	104	1025	6412
No. of properties inspected as a result of :-					
(a) Notification	6	142	6	40	194
(b) Otherwise	21	201	48	255	525
No. of properties found to be infested by rats.	Major - Minor 22	- 175	- 46	- 110	- 353
No. of properties found to be infested by mice	1	50	-	105	156
No. of infested properties treated by Local Authority	23	208	44	214	489

Factory Act, 1937
Inspections.

Premises	Number on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	No. of Cases prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	5	20	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	131	40	1	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	-	-	-	-
	136	60	1	-

Cases in which Defects were Found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were	
	Found	Remedied
Sanitary Conveniences		
(a) Insufficient	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	9
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-
Total	-	9

